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DECLARING MARCH 12, 2009 "NEW MEXICO KIDNEY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, March is national kidney month in the United States and March 12, 2009 is world kidney day; and

WHEREAS, world kidney day is a global campaign designed to raise awareness of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this campaign is celebrated every year on the second Thursday of March in more than one hundred countries and on six continents; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 campaign focuses on the importance of prevention and early detection of kidney disease, particularly the awareness of high blood pressure that, along with diabetes, is a leading cause of chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the federal department of health and

1 human services, kidney disease is the ninth-leading cause of
2 death in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2000, more than twenty-six million Americans
4 had chronic kidney disease; however, in the years 1999 to 2004,
5 only forty-two percent of Americans with severe kidney disease,
6 and fewer than ten percent of those with less severe cases of
7 kidney disease, were aware of their condition; and

8 WHEREAS, over one million five hundred thousand people
9 around the world receive dialysis or have had a kidney
10 transplant; and

11 WHEREAS, according to the national kidney foundation,
12 chronic kidney disease can strike young and middle-aged adults
13 as well as seniors, doubling their risk for premature heart
14 attack, stroke and death; and

15 WHEREAS, risk factors for chronic kidney disease include
16 diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, a family
17 history of kidney disease, and, for people over the age of
18 fifty, obesity and urinary tract and other systemic infections;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, once contracted, it is unlikely that kidney
21 disease can be cured, making prevention and early detection
22 critical in the control of the disease; and

23 WHEREAS, raising awareness about kidney function as well
24 as kidney disease is a crucial activity for all medical
25 professionals, health authorities and the general public;

